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Filed: December 20, 1999 Examiner: Lewis, R.

Title: ARTICLE WITH LASER ENGRAVED IDENTIFICATION MARK

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed July 30, 2002, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application:

In the Specification

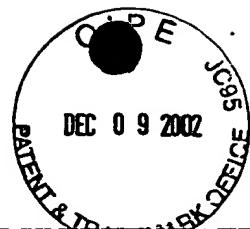
Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 2 and ending on page 7, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Optional, the coating 20 may have a color that represents a non-laser engraved genus identification mark. For example, the coating may have a red color for use with a product container having a black exterior surface to represent one series of dental restorative materials especially suitable for use with posterior teeth, while the coating may have a green color for use with a product container having a black exterior surface to represent another product series of restorative materials that is especially suitable for use with anterior teeth. The first identification mark 22 can then be used to create the species identification mark that identifies the color or shade of the restorative material within each of those series.



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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

| Claims As Amended  |  |       |   |                      |             |                       |
|--|--|-------|---|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| (1)  | (2)<br>Claims Remaining<br>After Amendment | (3)   | (4)<br>Highest No.<br>Previously Paid For | (5)<br>Present Extra | (6)<br>Rate | (7)<br>Additional Fee |
| Total<br>Claims  | 30   | Minus | ** 31                                     | 0                    | x \$18.00   | \$ 0.00               |
| Independent<br>Claims  | 2  | Minus | *** 3                                     | 0                    | x \$84.00   | \$ 0.00               |
| Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid |  |       |   |                      |             | \$280.00              |
| <b>Total Additional Fee For This Amendment →</b>   |  |       |   |                      |             | \$ 0.00               |

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Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary it is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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